

Friday Bargains in Women's Ready-to-Wear

We want every woman in Richmond to know that to-day they can buy Women's and Misses' Spring Suits at HALF PRICE AND LESS—and, more than that, they are all clever, up-to-date Suits—not Suits left over from other seasons, but new Suits bought this season.

\$15.00 Suits, several materials, reduced. **\$7.50**
 \$30.00 Suits, 30 different styles, reduced. **\$15.00**
 \$40.00 Suits, variety of styles, reduced. **\$18.75**
 \$50.00 Suits, a beautiful selection, reduced. **\$25.00**

Every Suit has the Miller & Rhoads label, a guarantee for quality and workmanship.

Women's and Misses' Dresses, \$12.75.
 The large sales in this selection has led us to make greater efforts, and to-day we will sell a lot of Silk Dresses, dozens of different styles, made to sell at \$20.00 and \$25.00; to-day at. **\$12.75**

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TAFT MAY SPEAK TO POSTMASTERS

President Invited to Make an Address Here in September.

HITCHCOCK ON PROGRAM

About 600 Postal Officials of the First Class to Assemble.

Preparations are being made by Postmaster Edgar Allan for entertaining the 600 members of the convention of the National Association of Postmasters of the first class, which meets in Richmond on September 26 to 29. President William Howard Taft has been invited, and it is expected he will consent to attend. Postmaster-General Frank H. Hitchcock will be present and deliver an address.

Postmaster E. M. Morgan, of New York, president of the association, has forwarded to Mr. Allan a copy of a letter which the former received from First Assistant Postmaster-General C. P. Grandfield, stating that first-class postmasters throughout the United States have been granted leave of absence of at least fifteen days in order that they may attend the convention.

Mr. Allan and Assistant Postmaster I. W. Fuller were preparing notices yesterday which will be sent to all postmasters of the first class urging them to attend the convention.

It was at the instance of Postmaster Allan that the Richmond Chamber of Commerce induced the association at its meeting in Toledo, O., last August, to meet here this year. The good things awaiting the postmasters when they come to Richmond were pointed out by the representatives of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Allan is anxious that Richmond's hospitality shall be extended to the men who run the greatest post-office in the country.

Some Entertainment Features.
 While no formal program has been arranged for the reception of the delegates, it is expected that not only the Chamber of Commerce, but the City Council will provide ample entertainment for the delegates and guests of the convention. It has not been decided definitely where the sessions will be held, but doubtless the Jefferson Auditorium will be selected.

Important business relating to the delivery and dispatch of mails, as well as many other matters looking to the improvement of the postal service, will be discussed. The men who manage the best post-office in the country, the largest in the world, will tell how it is done. Every effort is being put forth to make the convention this year the best ever. Later a program will be prepared and published.

Farm Manager Fined.
 W. R. Watts, manager of Malvern Hill Farm, was fined \$5 each on three warrants yesterday by Magistrate Thomas J. Douglas, for cursing and abusing W. H. Craddock, Mrs. Craddock and their son. The fines were paid. Craddock works on Malvern Hill Farm, and has some difficulty with Watts, who, it is alleged, came to his house and roundly cursed the whole family.

W. L. DOUGLAS SHOES

\$4.00 \$3.50 & \$3.00

THE STANDARD FOR 30 YEARS.
 Millions of men wear W. L. Douglas common sense shoes because they are the most comfortable, easy-walking, long wearing and the best values for the price in the world. They are made upon honor, of the best leathers, on perfect fitting lasts, by the most skilled workmen, in the latest fashions.

Quality counts. It has made W. L. Douglas shoes the leaders everywhere.
 W. L. Douglas \$4.00 and \$3.50 shoes equal Custom Bench Work costing \$5.00 to \$7.00.
 W. L. Douglas guarantees their value by stamping his name and price on the bottom. Look for it. Take no substitute.
 Mail order. Catalog showing how to order by mail. Shoes delivered direct from factory delivered free. Post Office Order.

Boys' Shoes, \$2.50 and \$2.00

Richmond Store: 623 East Broad Street.

HARDY ESCAPES ELECTRIC DEATH

Governor Commutes Sentence to Life Imprisonment in State Penitentiary.

EXECUTIVE IS CRITICIZED

Attorney Withers Regards Action as Usurpation of Authority.

Governor Mann yesterday commuted the sentence of Samuel Hardy, the convicted murderer of Tiberius Gracchus Jones, of Suffolk, from death in the electric chair to imprisonment for life in the State Penitentiary. Hardy was to have been electrocuted to-day.

Not in years has there been such a widespread demand for executive clemency as was exhibited in this case. Petitions containing the signature of hundreds of citizens have been showered upon the Governor, while delegation after delegation has appeared before him to discuss the matter.

The appeal was made after Hardy's attorneys had exhausted every effort in the courts. A writ of error was granted by the Supreme Court and the case was argued before it. The result was a decision affirming the sentence of the Nansemond Circuit Court. Hardy was at once taken from the cell in the department at the penitentiary set aside for those under sentence of death, and will be put to work in the prison.

Plagues Majority.
 In Suffolk and Norfolk varying opinions were expressed of the Governor's action. Sentiment was, of course, divided, and the expressions were based upon the feelings of the citizens uttering them. Judging from the petitions, it would appear that a majority desired to see the sentence commuted.

The Governor issued a lengthy statement regarding the case, in which he says that he has given to it the very best consideration of which he is capable. Those close to him know that there is no doubt of this, since he has had many hours of arduous work and research into reading and studying the papers presented, including the record of the trial.

A pardon, says the Governor, was asked for by only a few of the commissioners, who has power to do so. Under the law, however, he has a different law, which leaves all discretion with the Governor. The object, therefore, of the delegation which visited the executive yesterday was to ask him to exercise his discretion in commuting the sentence of Hardy.

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WANT QUARANTINE TO BE ABOLISHED

Newport News Delegation Asks Governor to Do Away With Conditions.

GOVERNOR MANN RIDES GOAT

He and Attorney-General Join Lodge—Artillery Officers Sent to Encampment.

Abolition of the State quarantine system at Newport News was requested of Governor Mann yesterday by a delegation of citizens from the ship-building city. They appeared before the Governor at noon, remaining closeted with him for a short time.

The members of the party constituted a committee from the Newport News Chamber of Commerce. They were W. Lee Powell, chairman; W. E. Cottrell, W. S. Copeland, R. M. Lett, W. B. Livezey and H. B. Holmes.

A general demand for abolition of the State quarantine system was recently arisen in the cities by the sea. The present method is regarded as cumbersome and unnecessary, and it is believed that it materially hampers the development of Norfolk and Newport News as ports.

Uncle Sam on Job.
 The United States government has a rigid and efficient quarantine station at Old Point, where every vessel which calls at Hampton Roads is examined. The government has a large amount of money invested, employs a large force of trained experts in this work, and is believed to give thorough service.

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PIANOMEN CRUISE DOWN THE JAMES

Trip to Jamestown Island Enjoyed by Members of Three Trade Associations.

WORK OF CONVENTION ENDED

Members Scatter, Delighted With Their Stay in Richmond.

Along the banks of the James many a mansion will be built in the coming years by members of the musical trade, if they forge into action the intentions which they expressed yesterday as they passed up and down its course on the steamer Pocahontas on a visit to Jamestown Island. From early morning until moonlight the trip given to the members of the piano convention by the City Council and the Chamber of Commerce lasted. It was delightful from the first minute to the last.

Six hundred people were on board, including the members of the three piano trade associations, of the City Council and the Chamber of Commerce and many women and children. Mayor Richardson went along to see things fixed up right, and they were.

A meeting of the executive committee of the National Piano Dealers' Association was held on board the steamer. It was decided to fix the tentative date of the Chicago convention for July 6, 7, 8 and 9, 1911, subject to possible changes on account of conditions in Chicago. President Clement and former President Drown and Woolley were selected as a committee to revise the constitution of the association, making it more inelastic and explicit.

Entertaining Features.
 Many entertaining features enlivened the day. Morning and afternoon concerts were going at full blast, while now and then a negro quartet rendered the old familiar plantation melodies. There was much singing by the members, and good fellowship went out in the first inning.

Hungry hands, left nothing but crumbs of the delectable dinner that crowd went mint-julep mad. The "smile" was made unanimous.

This was the last of the festivities tendered to the piano men. It was as much a success as the others were, and that is saying a good deal. Last night most of the members left, all delighted with a pleasant sojourn in Richmond. They left to "boom and boost" the city, for they had a great time here this week.

Gave the Rebel Yell.
 While the actual sessions of the convention are over, the piano exhibit at the Horse Show Building will continue through to-morrow, closing with a concert in which the chorus of the Wednesday Club will take part to-morrow night.

Yesterday afternoon Manager Green threw open the doors of the exhibit to the inmates of Lee Camp Soldiers' Home and to a number of the charities of the city. About 100 of the old soldiers, in their gray uniforms, entered the hall together. The director of the Boston Orchestra was prompt to see them, and gave the word for "Dixie," to which the old men answered with the rebel yell, given with a right good will. Special arrangements will be made for the admission of school children to-morrow afternoon.

MOONSHINE STILL RAIDED
 Revenue Agents Capture One Man and 1,100 Gallons of Beer.

Information was yesterday received by Colonel William H. Chapman, revenue agent, that Deputy Collectors Adams and Merritt, had raided several illicit distilleries in Johnson county, N. C., capturing 1,100 gallons of beer and destroying two copper stills and a number of fermenters. One of the alleged "moonshiners" was arrested.

Raynor was taken before Commissioner M. J. Young at Dunn, N. C., where he was bound over to the next term of the United States District Court. He furnished bail.

Crosses of Honor.
 Confederate Crosses of Honor will be awarded veterans of the war, on the occasion of June 15, by Mr. Randolph, in Lee Camp Hall. Major J. C. Hemphill will make the address to the veterans, assisted by a number of Confederate songs.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE AT HOLY TRINITY

Richmonders to Honor King Edward at Hour of His Funeral.

SPECIAL MUSIC ARRANGED

Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge of Virginia—Address by Supreme Officer.

Election and installation of officers occupied most of the time of the session of the Grand Lodge of Knights of Honor of Virginia, held at Murphy's Hotel yesterday. This is the twentieth regular session of the Grand Lodge, which has been in existence thirty-three years.

In the afternoon the body listened to an address from Hon. Frank B. Sliger, of St. Louis, Mo., who arrived yesterday morning to attend the session. Mr. Sliger is the supreme reporter and treasurer of the order.

His remarks contained a mine of information about the Knights of Honor and the successful work they have done throughout the United States. He urged fidelity to the order and to its principles. Being an eloquent speaker, his remarks were heard with the greatest interest by the Grand Lodge.

The first session was held at 10:30 A. M. Grand Dictator A. S. Woodhouse was detained at his home by illness, and Past Grand Dictator W. J. Hubbard, of Bedford City, presided over the meetings.

Officers Present.
 The following officers and representatives were reported present: W. M. Seay, vice-grand dictator, of Lynchburg; Benjamin Reynolds, assistant grand dictator, of Norfolk; Thomas D. Baillie, grand reporter and treasurer, of Washington, D. C.; R. Robertson, of Richmond; and James R. Lamkin, of Richmond, grand trustees. Representatives—Hon. J. W. Mort, of Bristol, Va.; M. P. Carder, of Bedford City; J. A. Fulmer, of Smithfield; Captain John Maxwell, Jackson Bolton and W. F. Peatross, of Richmond; W. T. Holland, of Houston, and J. M. Ley, of Danville.

At noon the election of officers was gone into, with the following results: Grand Dictator, W. M. Seay, of Lynchburg; Grand Vice Dictator, Benjamin Reynolds, of Norfolk; Grand Assistant Dictator, M. P. Carder, of Bedford City; Grand Reporter and Treasurer, Thomas D. Baillie, of Washington, D. C.; Grand Trustee, R. C. Robertson, of Richmond; and Cal H. Hodges, of Norfolk; Supreme Representative, James R. Lamkin, of Richmond; Alternate Supreme Representative, M. C. Robertson, of Richmond.

The Grand Lodge met at 1:30, and the new officers were installed by Past Grand Dictator W. J. Hubbard.

The finance committee met at 8 o'clock in the morning and audited the books of the grand reporter and treasurer.

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